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For instance, in the example below, Bobby Taylor and Russel Honore's names appeared as Display Names in the email's "To" field, so their names appeared in the original production, though their email addresses were redacted. Mary Hampton and Wilma Subra's email addresses did not provide Display Names, so EPA is providing their names here.

-----Original Message-----

From: Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov>

To: marvlee <marvlee@leanweb.org> [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]; Bobby Taylor [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]; Russel Honore'

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Cc: Blanco, Arturo <Blanco.Arturo@epa.gov>

Mary Hampton; Wilma Subra

Sent: Mon, Aug 3, 2020 3:00 pm

Subject: Region 6 Update

Message

From: Marylee Orr [marylee@leanweb.org]
Sent: 8/3/2020 8:10:50 PM
To: SubraCom@aol.com
CC: Gray, David [gray.david@epa.gov];
Blanco, Arturo [Blanco.Arturo@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Region 6 Update

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)

Mary Hampton; Russel Honore; Bobby Taylor

David
Thank you so much!
Marylee

Sent from my iPhone

On Aug 3, 2020, at 3:02 PM, I <subracom@aol.com> wrote:

Thank You

Wilma

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Good afternoon,

It's been a while since Region 6 shared an update with you on our work. Below is the most current information about our air monitoring. I hope you all are doing well and staying safe during these COVID-19 times.

Best,
David

DPE Update

We are continuing to collect our community air monitoring and chloroprene samples are being collected during COVID19. We have also posted new chloroprene data on our public website up to June 10, 2020 and will continue to post data as we receive it. <https://www.epa.gov/la/denka-air-monitoring-data-summary>

Regarding SPods, we remain in the Initial Phase and installed the last two (2) SPods on July 2, 2020 after receiving property access from DuPont. All of the six locations have SPods installed. These monitors will operate continuously and hopefully allow us to better characterize and understand the occasional elevated chloroprene concentrations observed at our community air monitors since installation of pollution controls at Denka. As you will recall from EPA's presentation to the community in February 2020, the Initial Phase was estimated to take about 2-months after the SPods were installed. The Initial Phase includes several weeks after installation for calibration of the instruments and data in this phase will be processed and used to assess the sampling equipment performance and develop a VOC trigger

concentration for canister samples and averaging period for that concentration. The Operational Phase for the SPods will follow and chloroprene data will be posted publicly.

Based on this schedule, we have temporarily extended our community air monitoring until the SPods Operational Phase is initiated. At that time, we will discontinue and remove the community air monitoring network. The SPods are expected to continue operated until about December 2020.

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From: Gray, David [gray.david@epa.gov]
Sent: 12/22/2021 8:56:44 PM
To: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) **Wilma Subra**
CC: Arroyo, Victoria [Arroyo.Victoria@epa.gov]; Tejada, Matthew [Tejada.Matthew@epa.gov]; hlambert@thelambertfirm.com; echeuse@earthjustice.org; Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) **Mary Hampton**
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To: Gray, David [gray.david@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Denka Air Monitoring for Chloroprene

Thank you for your quick response to my request.

I will be in Reserve tomorrow and will check to see if the sampling stations have been installed as required by the November 23, 2021 letter from EPA.

I will also be in Reserve on January 7, 2021 to check on the progress of the passive air monitoring.

Have a wonderful holiday season and enjoy your retirement.

Wilma Subra

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Sent: Wed, Dec 22, 2021 2:56 pm
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From: Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) Wilma Subra
Sent: 5/6/2021 3:18:32 PM
To: Gray, David [gray.david@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: Region 6 Update

Thank you, Thank you, Thank you!

Wilma

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From: Gray, David <gray.david@epa.gov>

To: marylee <marylee@leanweb.org>; Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) Bobby Taylor'

Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP) 'Russel Honore"

Sent: Thu, May 6, 2021 9:02 am

Subject: Region 6 Update

Wilma Subra; Mary Hampton

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David

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From: Russel Honore' [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)]
Sent: 5/6/2021 2:06:27 PM
To: Gray, David [gray.david@epa.gov]
CC: Bobby Taylor [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)] marylee
[marylee@leanweb.org]
Subject: Re: Region 6 Update **Wilma Subra; Mary Hampton**

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Best Regards, LT General Russel Honore (Ret) www.generalthonore.com (404) 227-1527 See/Smell Something,
Say Something, Do Something. Take a picture Call 911

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From: [Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)] **Wilma Subra**
Sent: 7/28/2020 3:48:33 PM
To: Gray, David [gray.david@epa.gov]
Subject: Re: IRIS Program Update: July 2020 - Chloroprene PBPK model peer review announcement

Thank You

Wilma

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[Ex. 6 Personal Privacy (PP)] **Wilma Subra; Mary Hampton**
Sent: Tue, Jul 28, 2020 9:56 am
Subject: IRIS Program Update: July 2020 - Chloroprene PBPK model peer review announcement

I wanted to make sure that you saw this Federal Register Notification.

David

From: U.S. Environmental Protection Agency <usaepa@service.govdelivery.com>
Sent: Friday, July 24, 2020 3:59 PM
Subject: IRIS Program Update: July 2020



**Now Available: Public Comment Period on Technical Documents
for External Peer Review and the Pool of Candidate Peer
Reviewers: Report on Physiologically Based Pharmacokinetic
Modeling for Chloroprene and a Supplemental Analysis of Metabolite Clearance**



Notice: EPA's Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) Program is announcing a 30-day public comment period associated the report titled "Incorporation of in vitro metabolism data in a physiologically based pharmacokinetic (PBPK) model for chloroprene" developed by Ramboll, a contractor to Denka Performance Elastomer, LLC (DPE), and an "Uncertainty analysis of in vitro metabolic parameters and of in vitro to in vivo extrapolation used in a PBPK model for chloroprene" developed by EPA. These documents will undergo independent external scientific peer review managed by Versar, an EPA contractor.


The comment period on both the list of peer review candidates and on the technical documents ends on August 24, 2020. Comments on the technical documents should be submitted to the docket (EPA-HQ-ORD-2020-0181) on Regulations.gov (<https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=EPA-HQ-ORD-2020-0181>). Comments on the list of candidates should be sent directly to EPA's peer review contractor (chloroprenePBPK@versar.com).

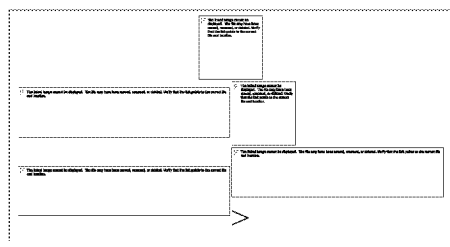
For more information on this peer review and the public comment periods, please visit the Federal Register [Federal Register](#) and the [EPA peer review website](#).

Now Available: IRIS Assessment Plan for Oral Exposure to Vanadium and Compounds

Notice: EPA's Integrated Risk Information System (IRIS) Program is announcing a 30-day public comment period associated with the IRIS Assessment Plan for the Oral Exposure to Vanadium and Compounds IRIS Assessment. The comment period ends on August 24, 2020. Comments should be submitted to the docket (EPA-HQ-ORD-2020-0183) on Regulations.gov (<https://www.regulations.gov/docket?D=EPA-HQ-ORD-2020-0183>). A public meeting will be convened on Wednesday, August 19, 2020. An IRIS Assessment Plan (IAP) contains a summary of the IRIS Program's scoping and problem formulation conclusions.

For more information on this document and the public comment period, please visit the [Federal Register](#) and the [EPA IRIS website](#).

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Subject: EPA Letter re: Resuming Chloroprene testing
Attachments: Letter_CCSJ_09-09-2021-signed.pdf [Wilma Subra, Mary Hampton](#)

In case you have not seen this letter yet.
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